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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

DATE: March 25, 2010

SUBJECT: Food Recalls: Free E-mail Notification

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding an automated e-mail notification system for food recalls. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is strongly encouraging school personnel needing food recall information to sign up for this free e-mail notification and update service to ensure all schools are aware of current food safety concerns. Foodsafety.gov provides subscribers with instant notification on all food recalls and alerts as well as food borne illness outbreaks.

Action Needed

Follow the steps below to subscribe for this free e-mail service and receive an instant acknowledgement of your subscription from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):

1. Log on to www.recalls.gov.
2. Click on the Food tab at the top.
3. Click on "Sign Up for Free Recall Updates by E-Mail" (in red toward the top of the page).
4. This will take you to the HHS Services sign-up page, where you will:
 - a. Enter your e-mail address and confirm same; and
 - b. Check the box titled FoodSafety.gov Recalls and Alerts under the FoodSafety.gov Updates section.

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